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Dear Lt. Col. Rogers:

Thank you very much for your November 9 letter to Office of Research and Development Assistant Administrator Norine E. Noonan updating the Agency on the status of Department of Defense (DoD) funding of and schedule for the significant data collection effort that is underway on perchlorate. Dr. Noonan has requested that I respond to you on her behalf.

We greatly appreciate the support expressed in your letter for the Environmental Protection Agency's assessment efforts and very much value the partnership of DoD in these data collection activities. As we discussed, we are very interested in the progress of the DoD-funded perchlorate studies and will expect periodic updates on progress from you as the results of the studies come in. The results of these studies are important to the underlying data base that will support the Agency's integrated perchlorate assessment which will undergo external peer review in Fall 2000. It is, therefore, critical that we stay on track with the data collection.

Again, thank you for your letter. We look forward to continuing the close working relationship with you and your colleagues. The level of cooperation on perchlorate with DoD and with the other federal and private sector partners has been a model that should be emulated elsewhere.

Sincerely,

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